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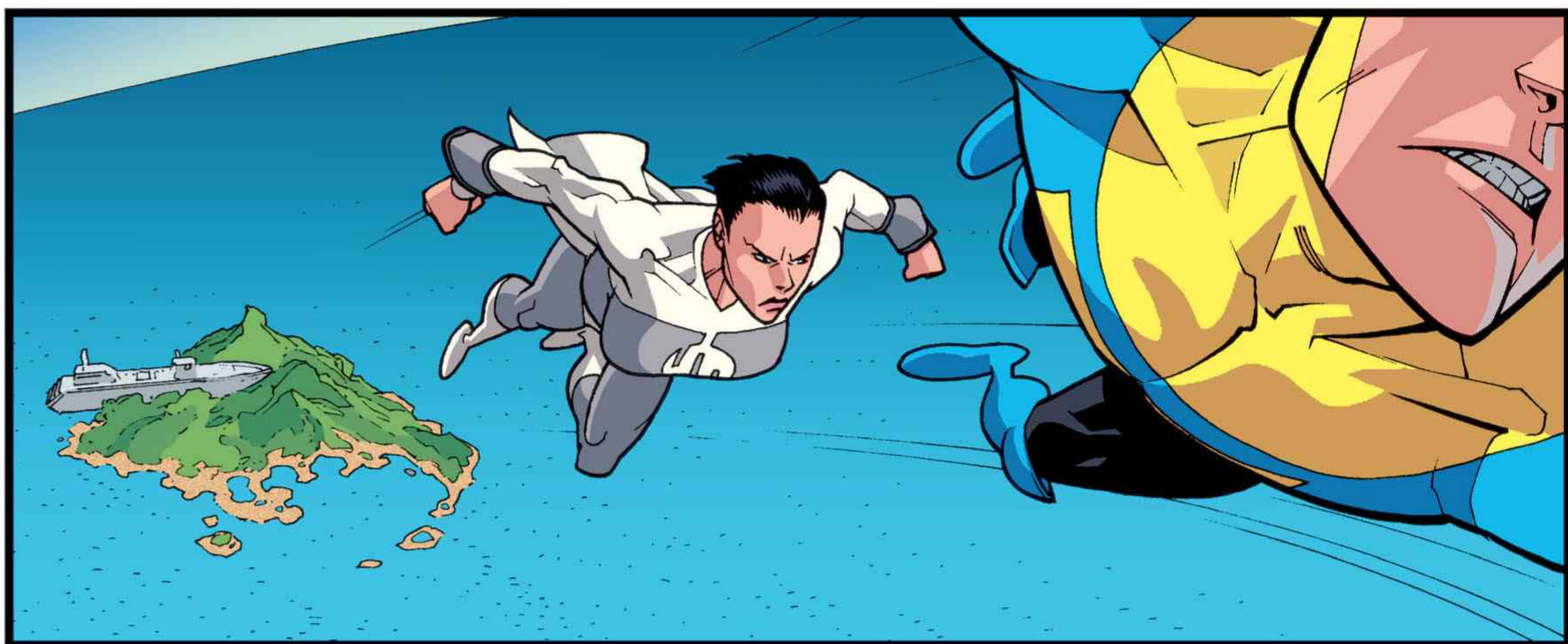
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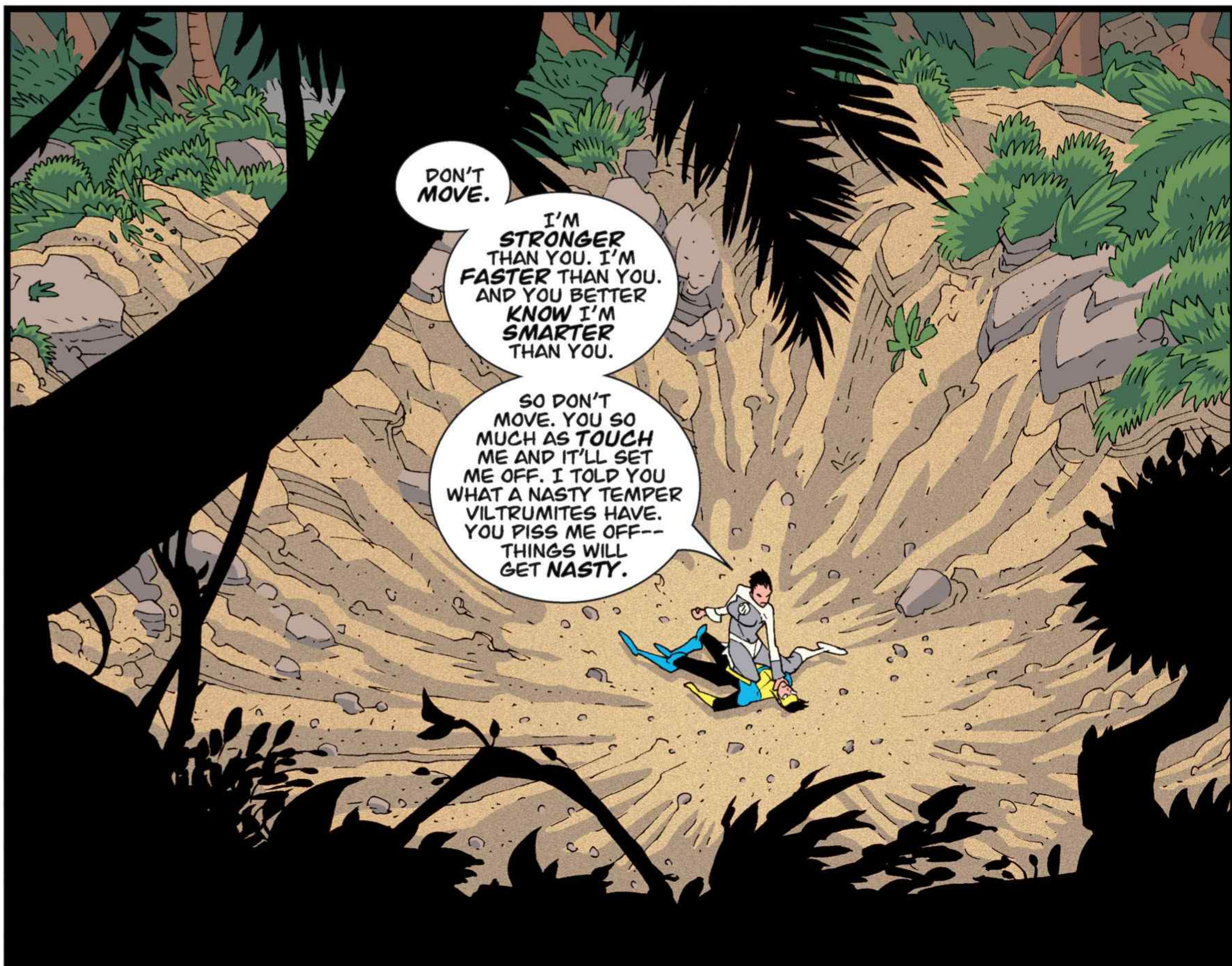
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YOU REALLY HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH DANGER YOU'RE IN RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S... DISAPPOINTING.

YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED THE VILTRUMITE AGENT OF THIS PLANET, CHARGED WITH PREPARING IT FOR EVENTUAL TAKEOVER. THAT IS NOT UP FOR DEBATE.

YOU ARE FREE TO IGNORE YOUR DUTIES BUT THAT WILL BRING CONSEQUENCES.

CURRENTLY OUR RESERVE FORCES ARE OCCUPIED. THIS IS, NO DOUBT, WHY YOU WERE GIVEN THIS ASSIGNMENT TO BEGIN WITH.

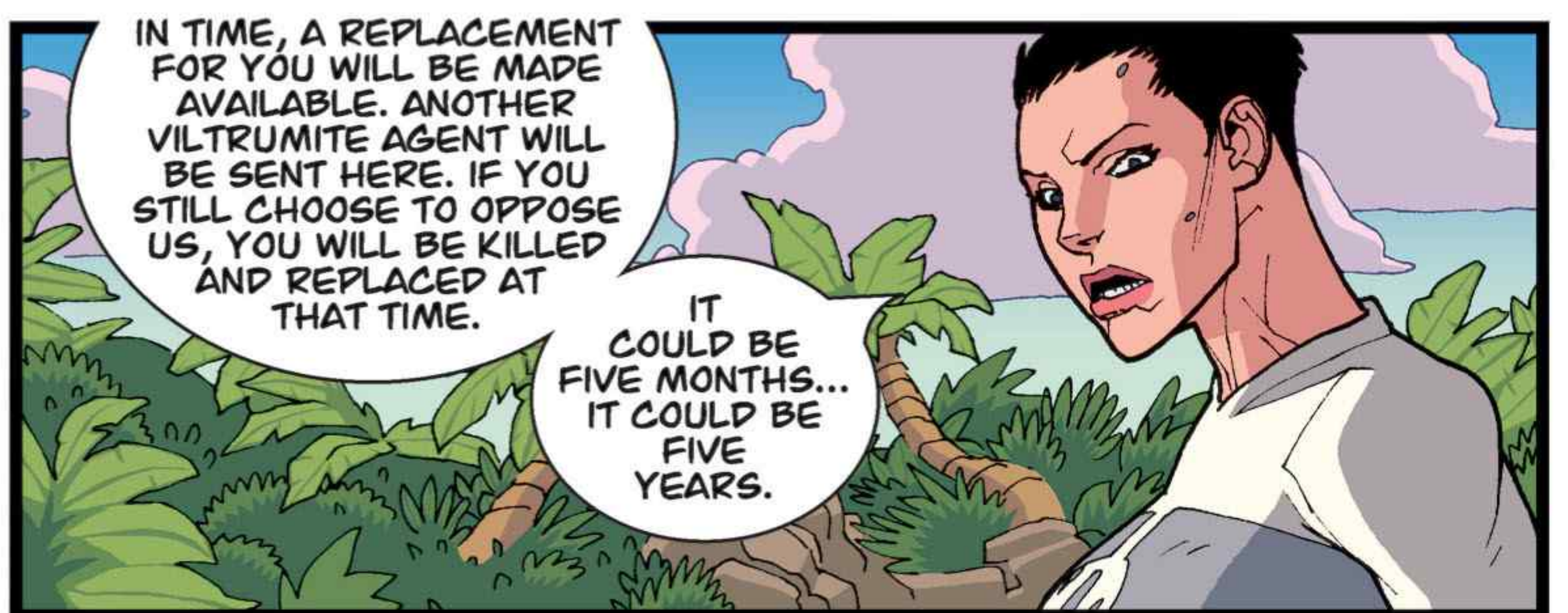
SO I CAN'T REPLACE YOU NOW.

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO OPPOSE US. YOU CAN DENY THESE PEOPLE YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THE *UTOPIA* VILTRUM WOULD BRING THIS PLANET.

INSTEAD, WE CAN FLATTEN THEIR CIVILIZATION WHILE WE TAKE WHAT WE WANT.



THAT DECISION IS YOURS TO MAKE.

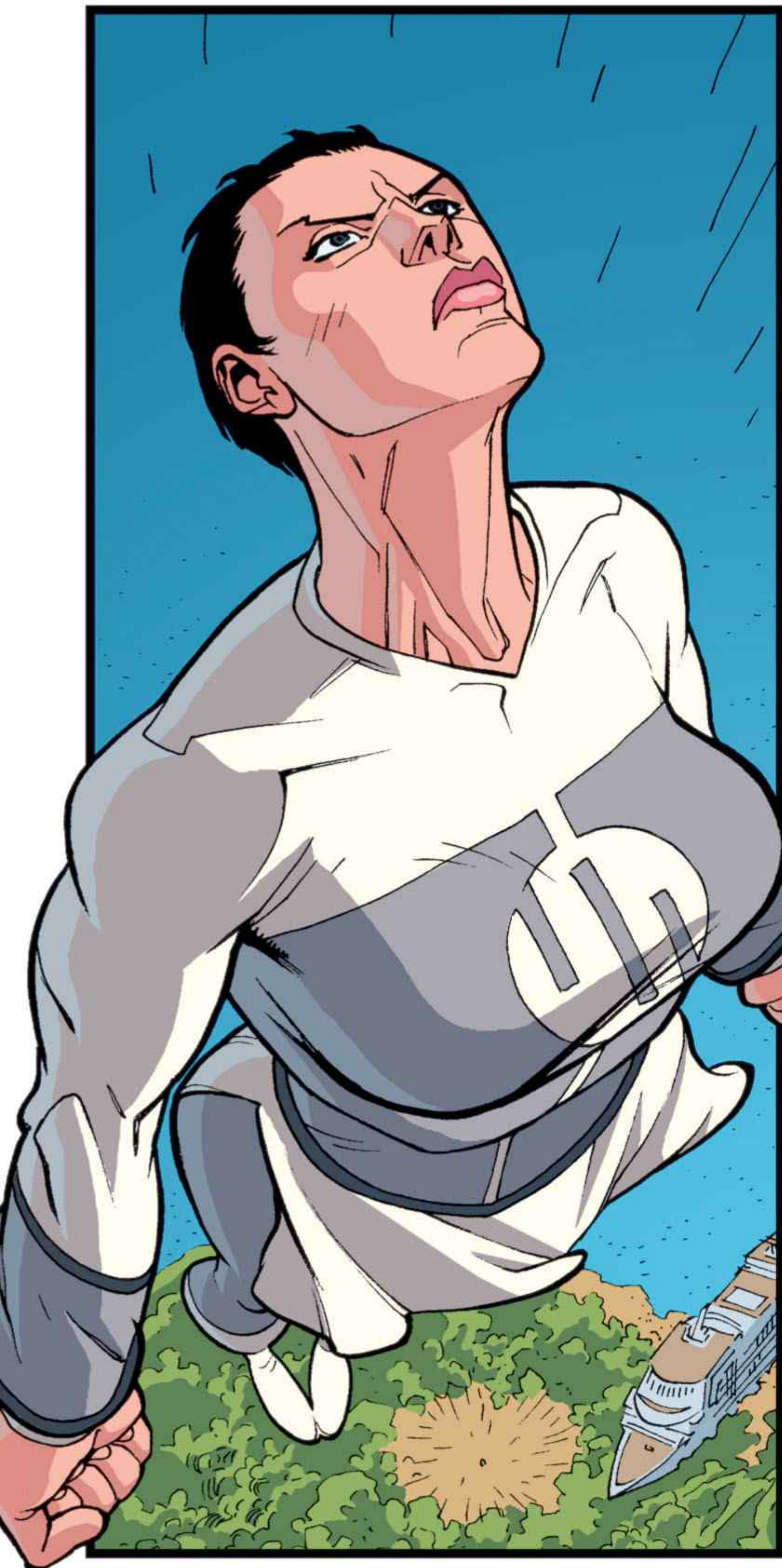


IN TIME, A REPLACEMENT FOR YOU WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. ANOTHER VILTRUMITE AGENT WILL BE SENT HERE. IF YOU STILL CHOOSE TO OPPOSE US, YOU WILL BE KILLED AND REPLACED AT THAT TIME.

IT COULD BE FIVE MONTHS... IT COULD BE FIVE YEARS.



I PRAY YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES BEFORE THAT TIME.



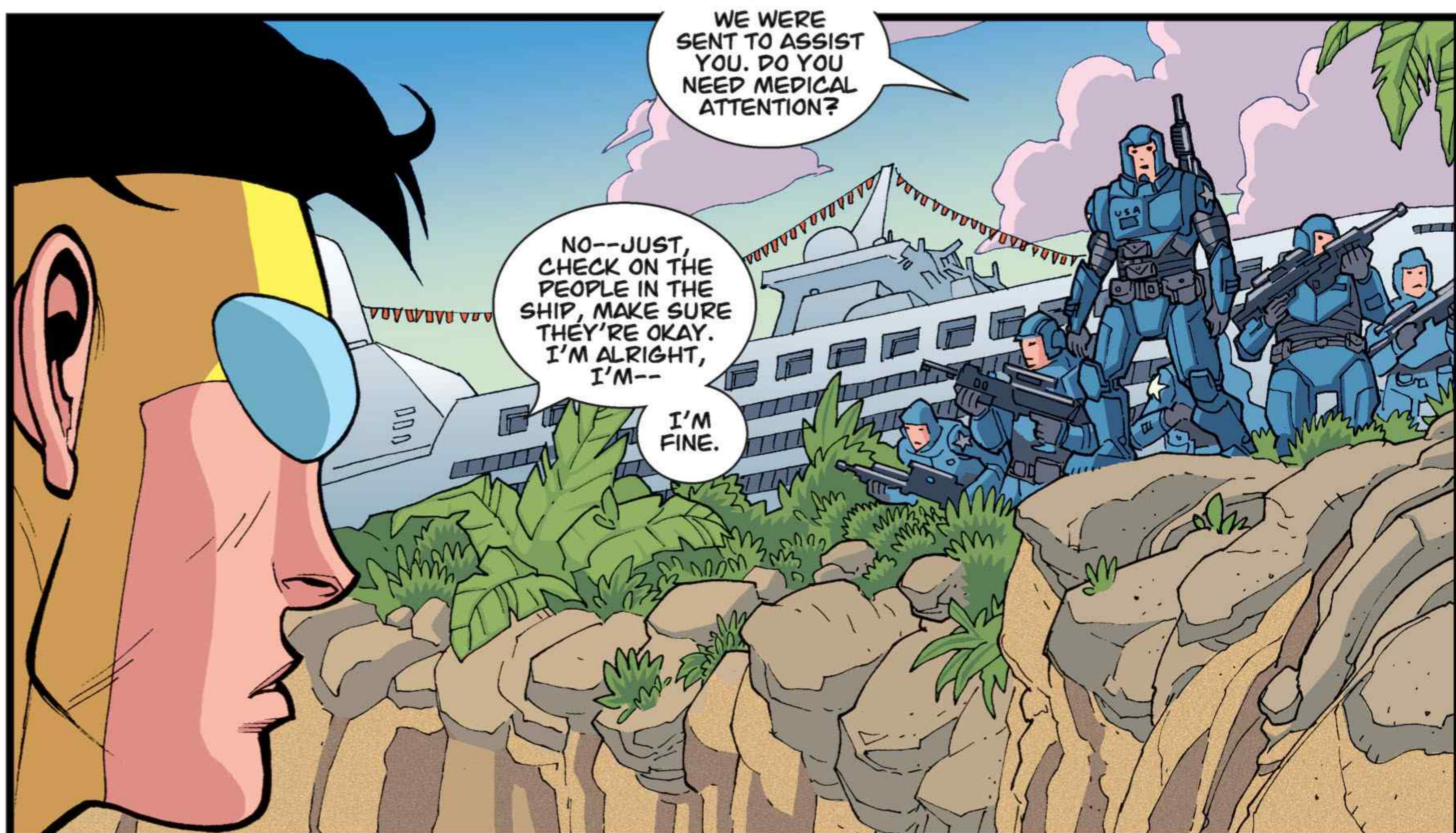
YEAH,
THANKS.



LIKE I
DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH
TO WORRY
ABOUT.



ARE
YOU OKAY,
SIR?



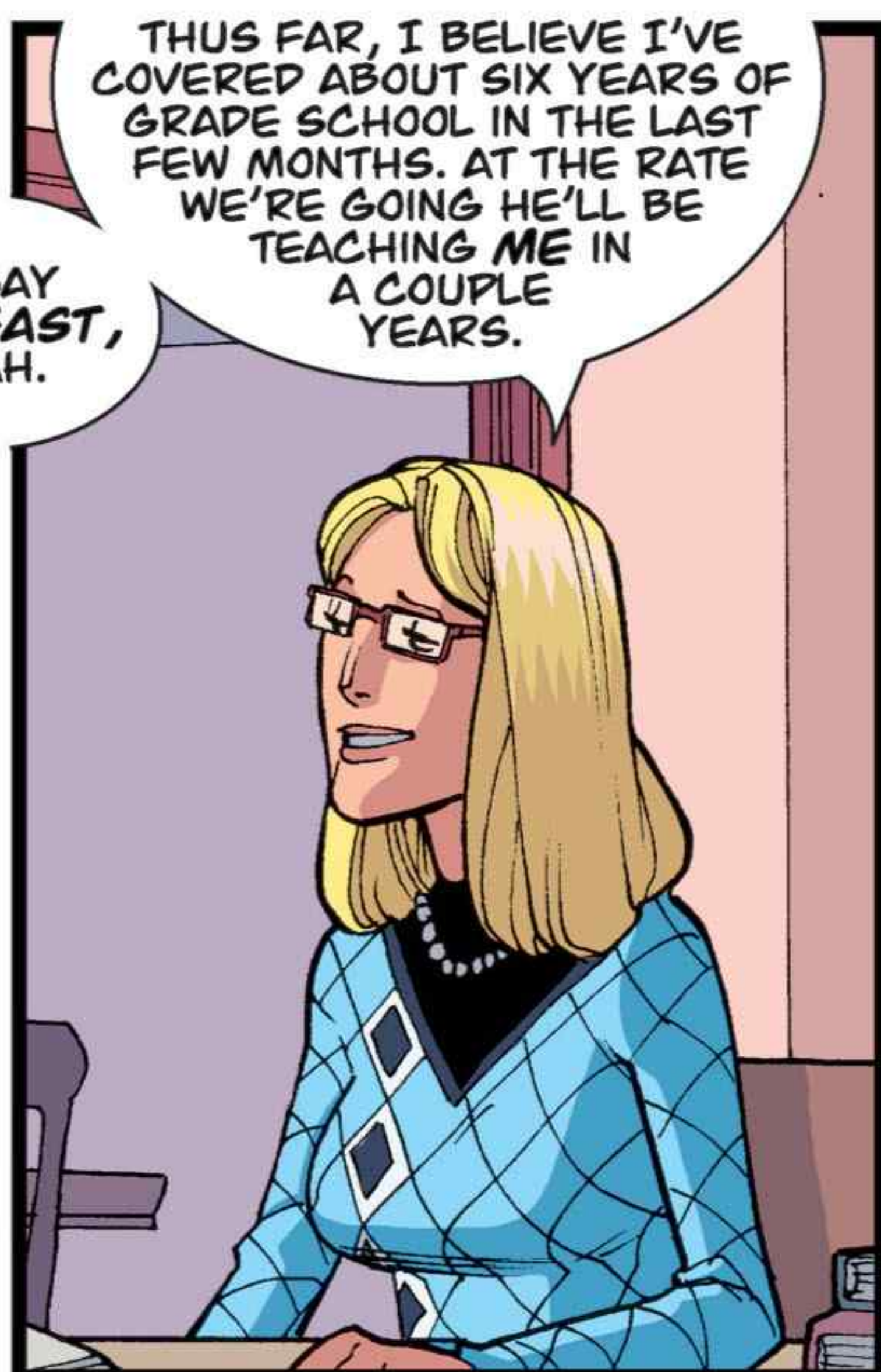
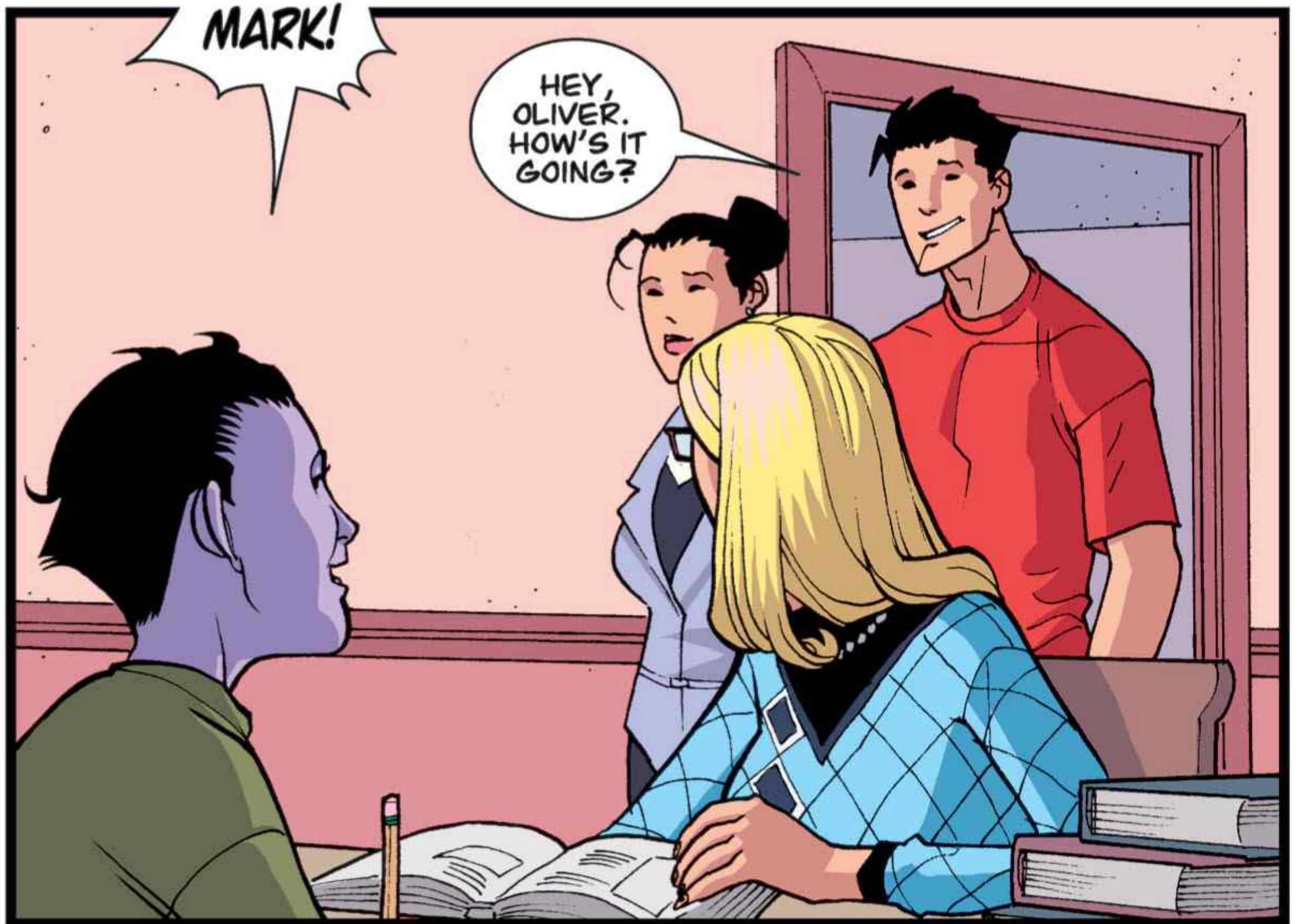
WE WERE
SENT TO ASSIST
YOU. DO YOU
NEED MEDICAL
ATTENTION?

NO--JUST,
CHECK ON THE
PEOPLE IN THE
SHIP, MAKE SURE
THEY'RE OKAY.
I'M ALRIGHT,
I'M--

I'M
FINE.









AT THIS RATE I SHOULD GET BACK HOME IN A FEW DAYS. NOT BAD REALLY, I'M MAKING GOOD TIME.

I WONDER HOW TELIA IS DOING. I'M SURE SHE'S MAD THAT I'VE BEEN GONE SO LONG. SHE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT MY MISSIONS ARE.

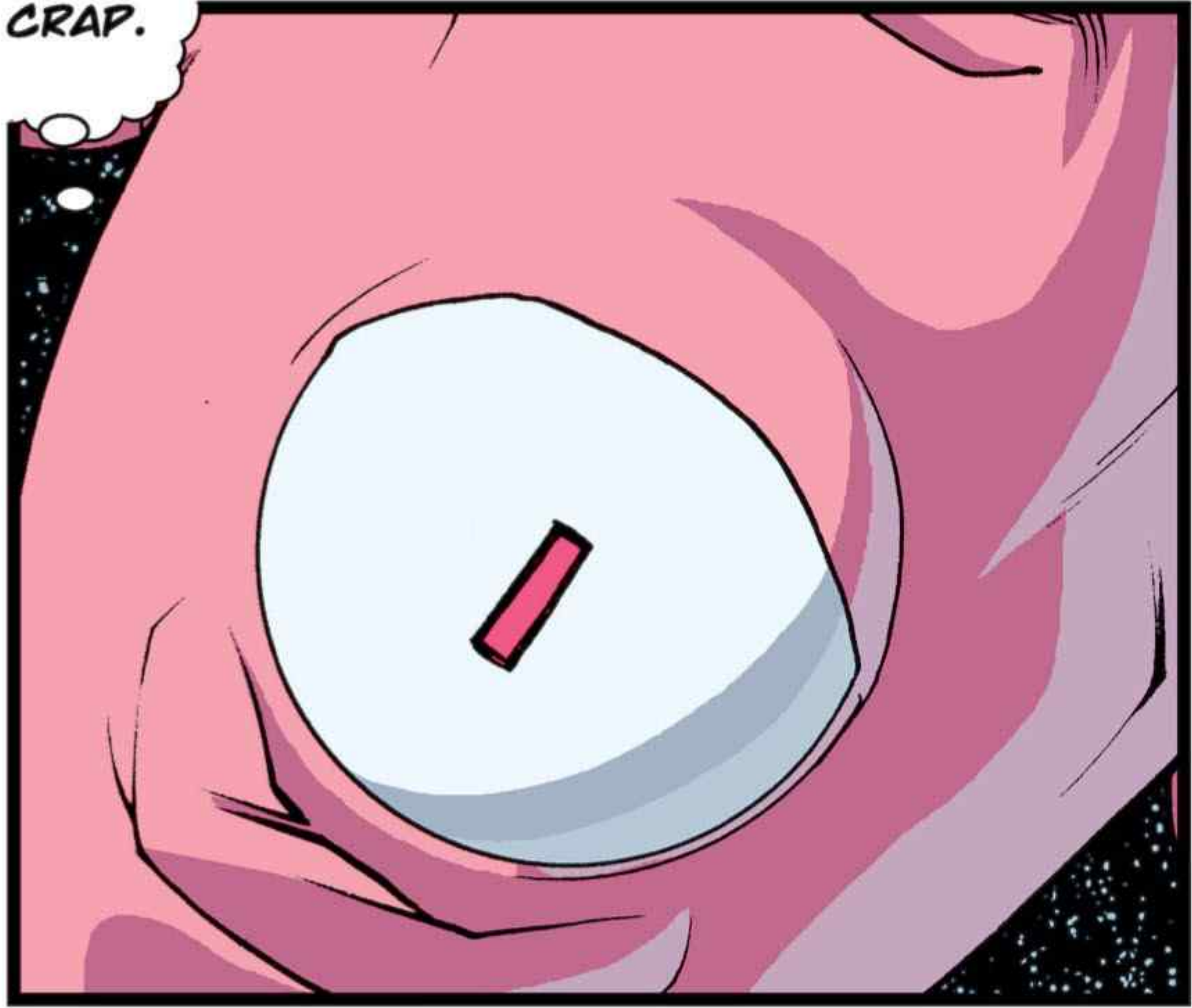
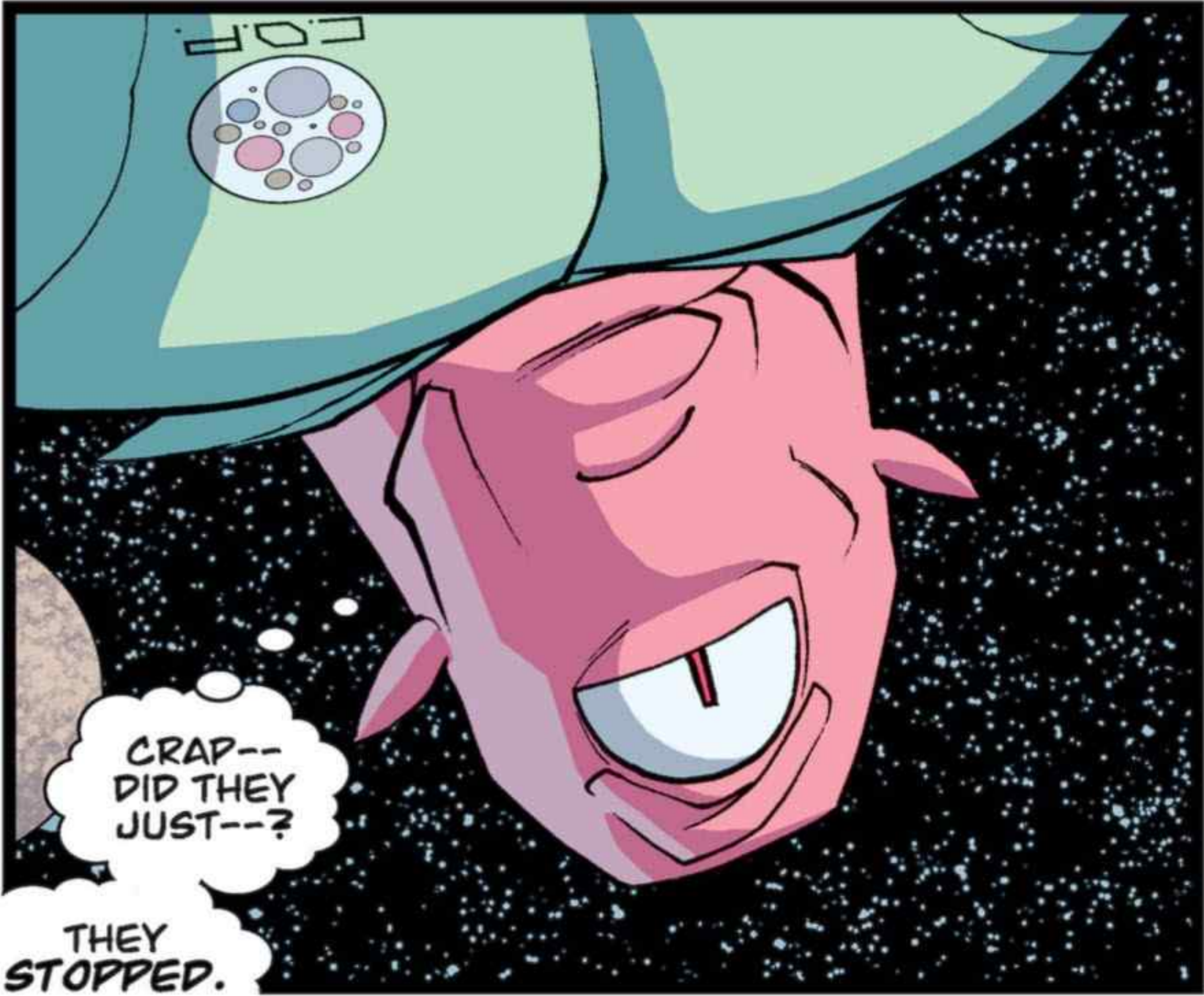


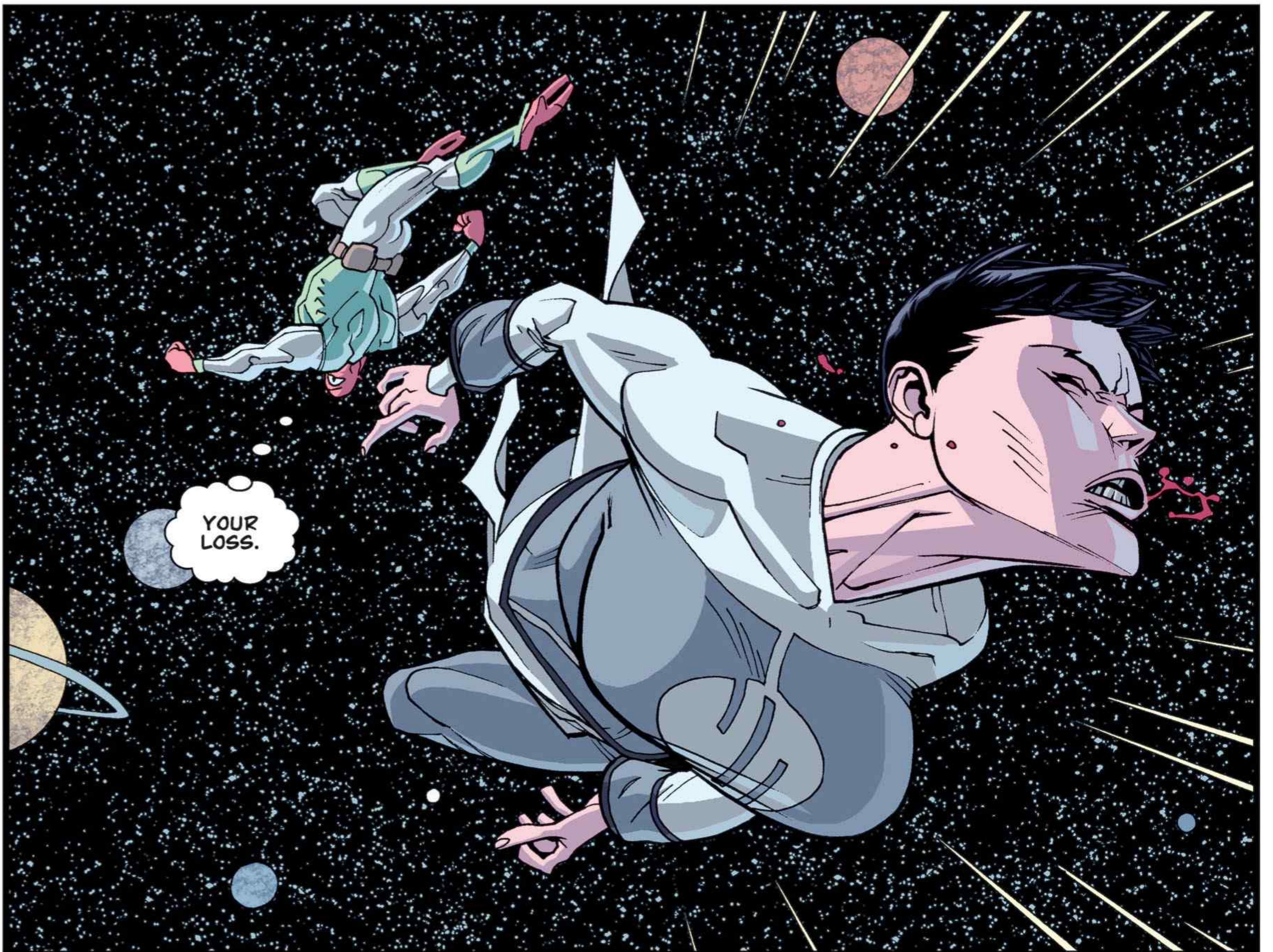
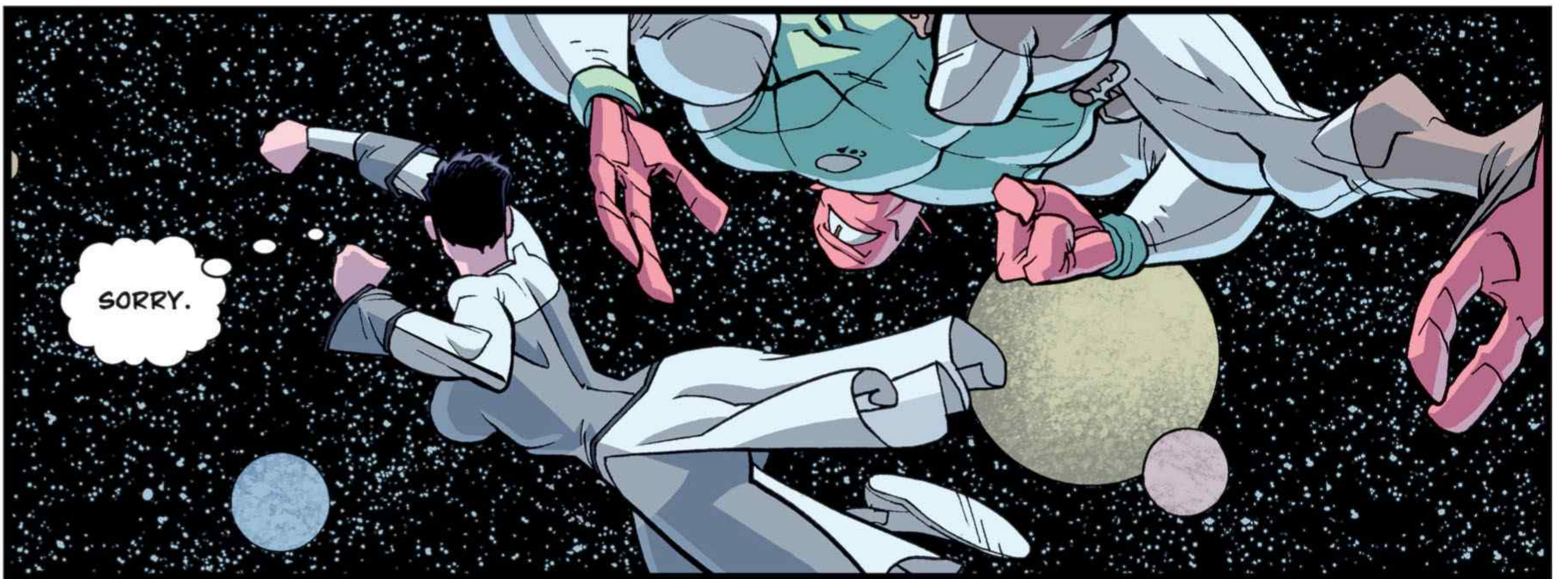
I DO MISS HER. I LOVE HER VERY MUCH.

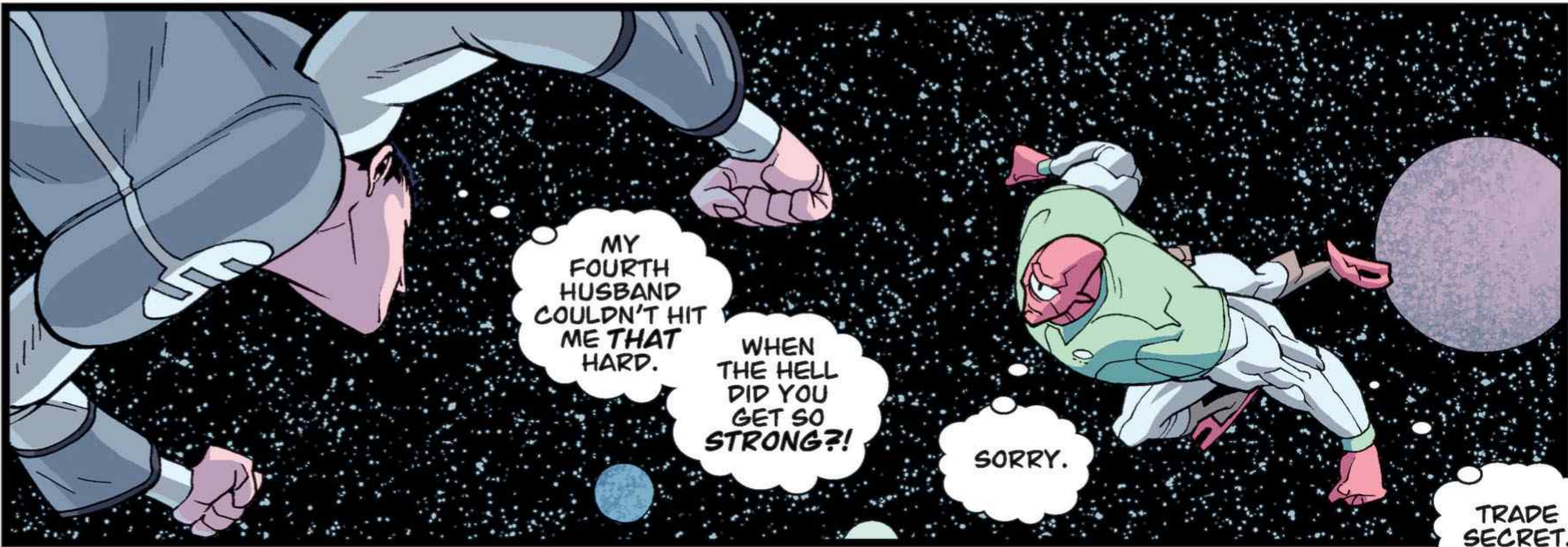
I WISH MY PEOPLE WOULD ALLOW ME TO MARRY HER. MAYBE NOW THAT MY POWERS HAVE BEEN ENHANCED I COULD CONVINCE THEM TO ALLOW IT.

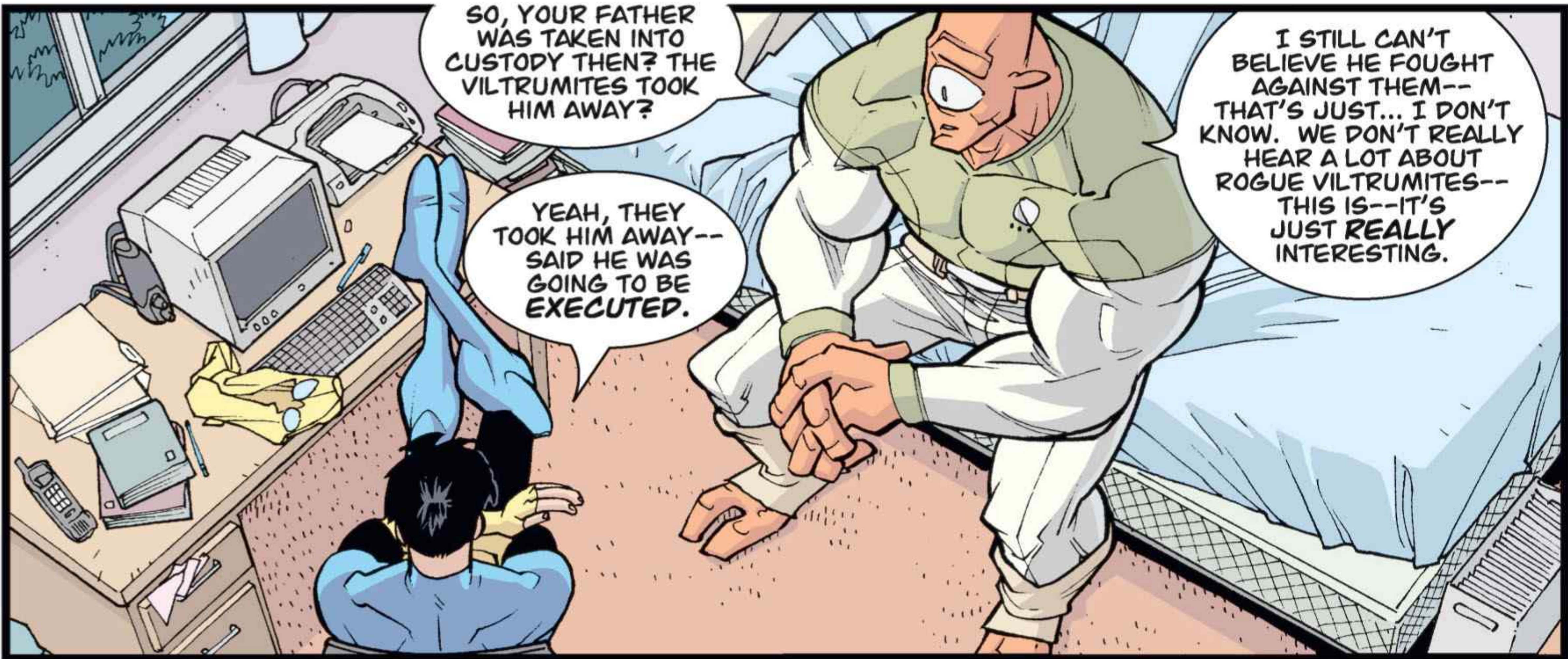
I JUST HATE LIVING IN SECRET SO MUCH.

















"FIVE YEARS
OR FIVE
MONTHS..."

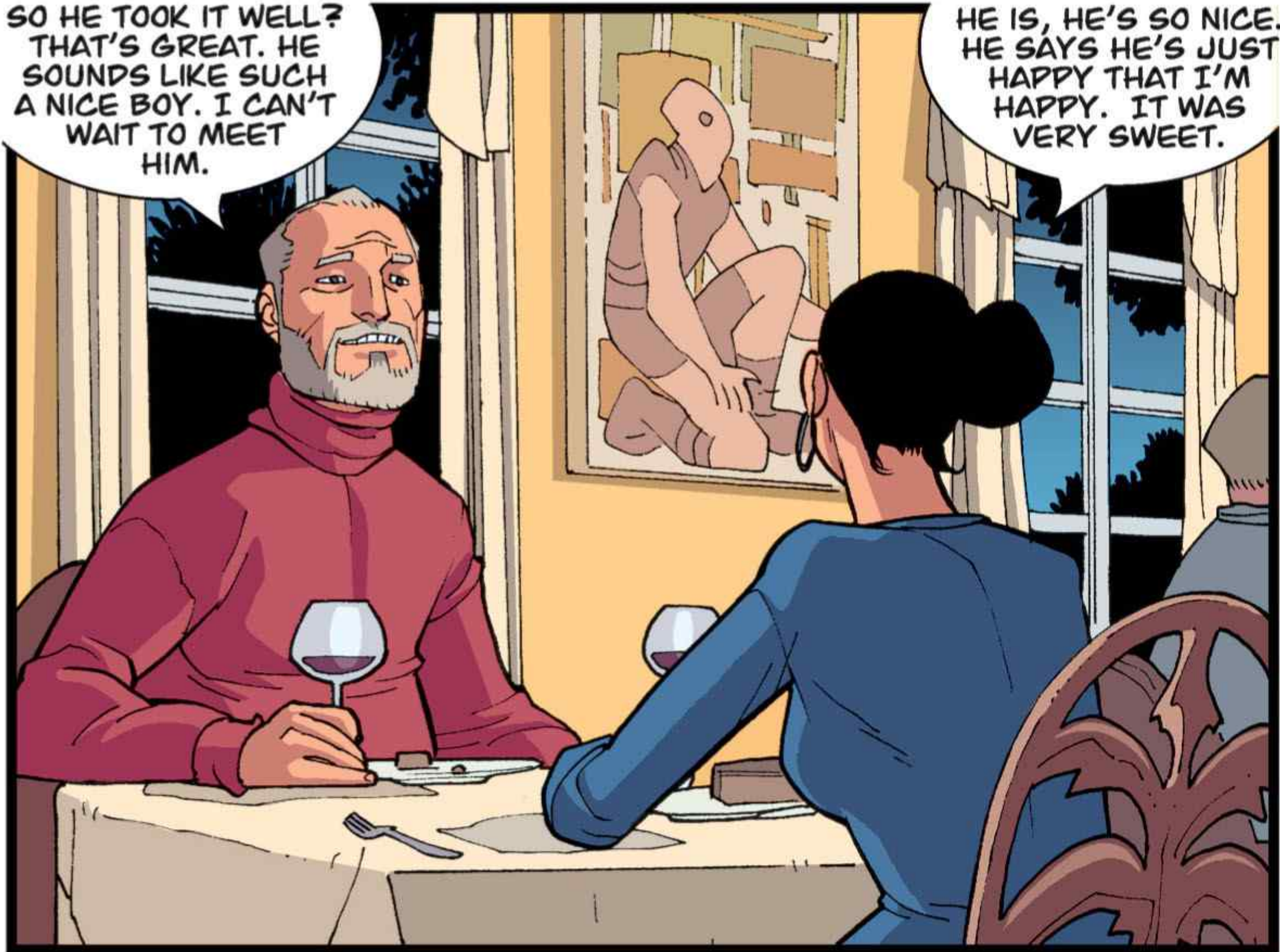
≡SIGH≡

CRAP.

I'M
GOING TO
NEED TO START
WORKING
OUT MORE.



CROCKETT'S GRILL AND FINE EATERY. WHERE DEBBIE GRAYSON IS ENJOYING A NICE EVENING OUT.



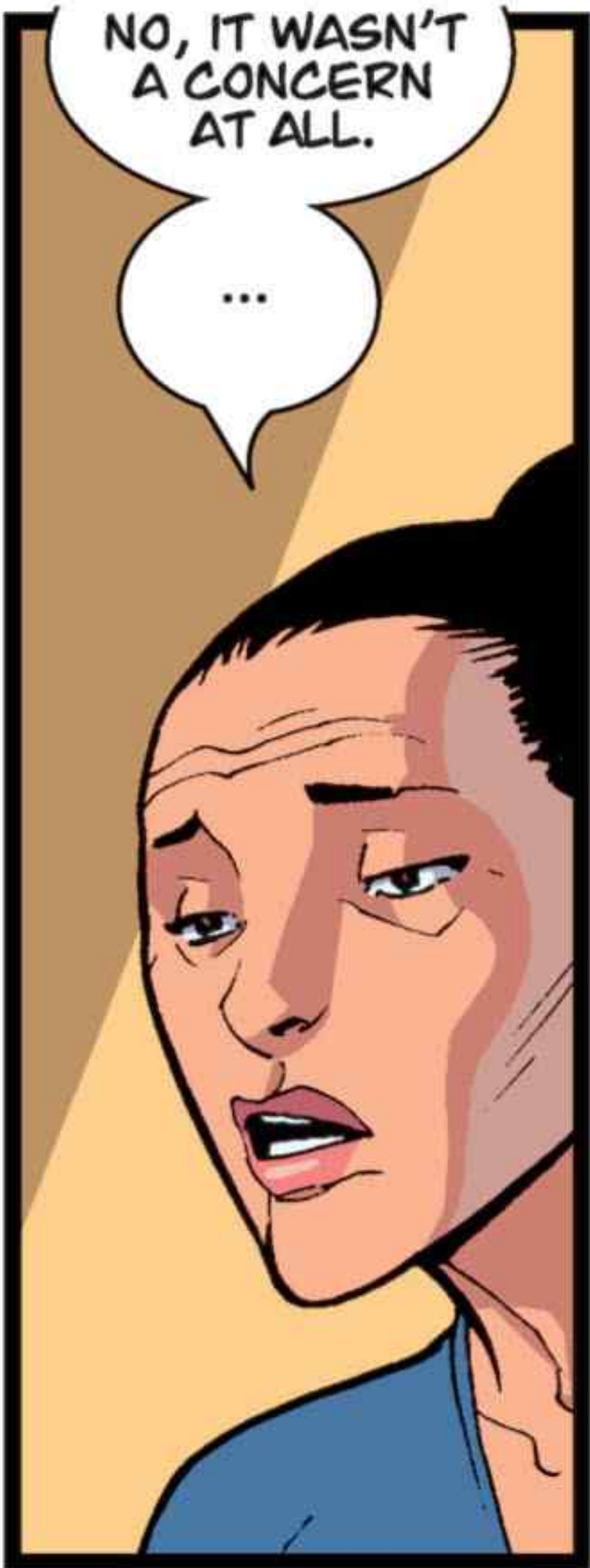
SO HE TOOK IT WELL? THAT'S GREAT. HE SOUNDS LIKE SUCH A NICE BOY. I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM.

HE IS, HE'S SO NICE. HE SAYS HE'S JUST HAPPY THAT I'M HAPPY. IT WAS VERY SWEET.



HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS TOO SOON... AFTER YOUR HUSBAND...?

I KNOW THAT WAS YOUR MAIN CONCERN.



NO, IT WASN'T A CONCERN AT ALL.

...



DEBBIE...

...DO YOU THINK IT'S TOO SOON?



NO, I... NO, I REALLY DON'T.

WHEN NOLAN DIED IN THE CAR CRASH, I THOUGHT MY LIFE WAS OVER, TOO. IT HIT ME REALLY HARD.

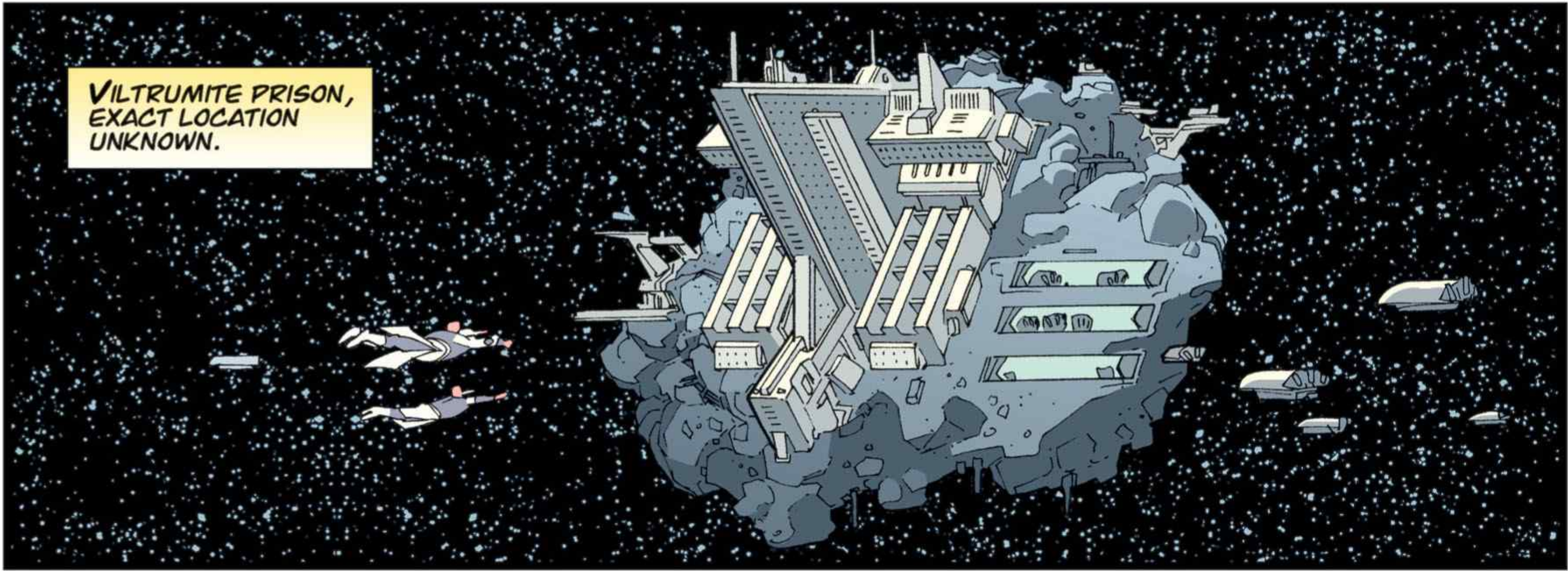


BUT AS TIME HAS GONE ON, THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED SINCE HIS DEATH...

...ABOUT HIM... ABOUT US...



THE THING THAT UPSETS ME THE MOST IS KNOWING THAT HE NEVER REALLY LOVED ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

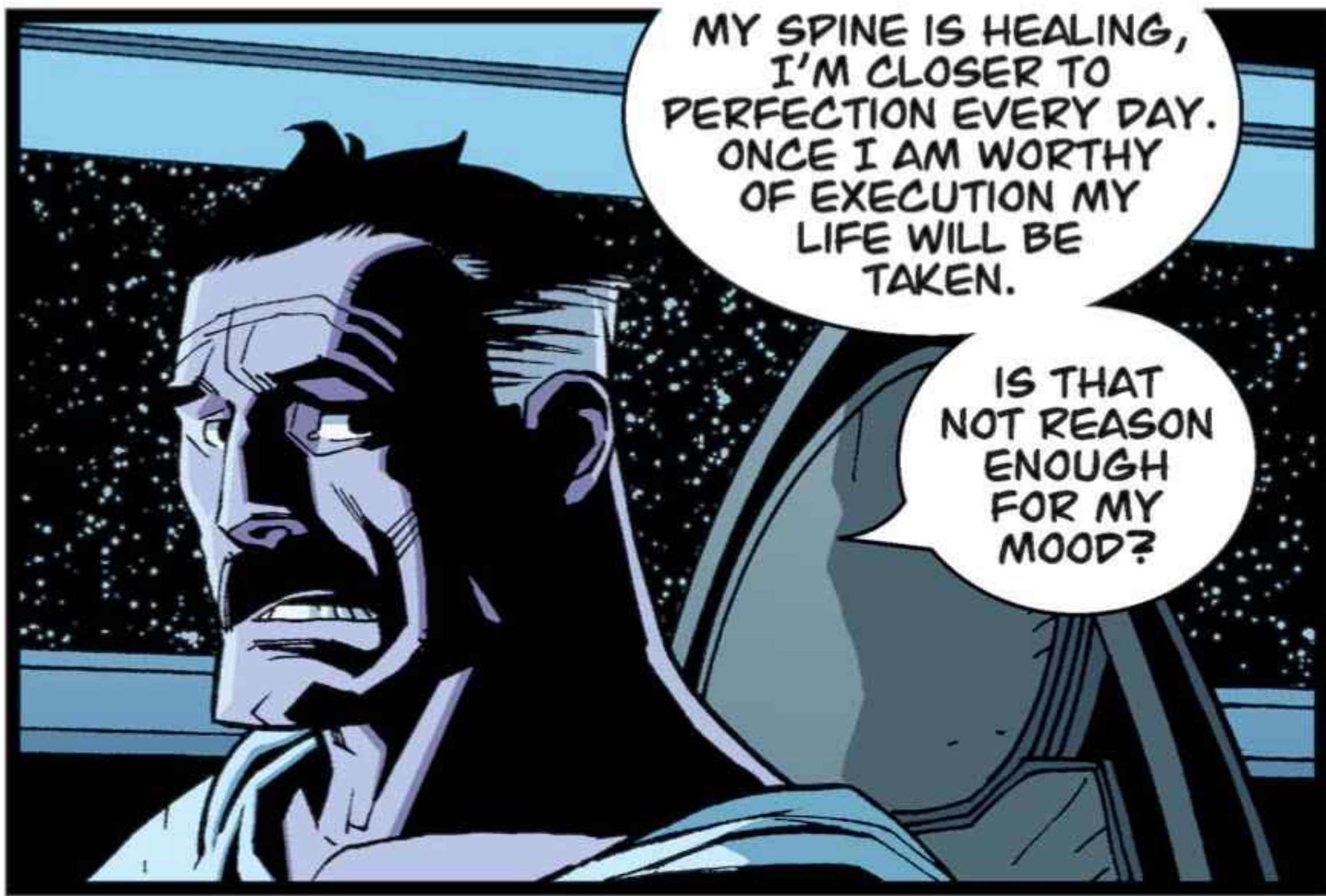


VILTRUMITE PRISON,
EXACT LOCATION
UNKNOWN.



NOLAN,
FRIEND. YOU
SEEM
TROUBLED.

WHAT
IS IT THAT
TROUBLES
YOU SO?



MY SPINE IS HEALING,
I'M CLOSER TO
PERFECTION EVERY DAY.
ONCE I AM WORTHY
OF EXECUTION MY
LIFE WILL BE
TAKEN.

IS THAT
NOT REASON
ENOUGH
FOR MY
MOOD?



WE HAVE SHARED
THIS CELL FOR SOME
TIME NOW AND THAT
IS SOMETHING YOU
HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN.
TODAY IS
DIFFERENT.

IT IS
OBVIOUS TO
ME THAT THIS
IS SOMETHING
NEW THAT
TROUBLES
YOU.



I--



I THINK
I MISS MY
WIFE.